

This record is a partial extract of the original cable. The full text of the original cable is not available.

UNCLAS PARIS 005473

SIPDIS

STATE FOR EUR/ERA, EUR/PGI, IO/SHA, DRL/IL, DRL/MLA

E.O. 12958: N/A

TAGS: [PHUM](#) [SOEI](#) [XG](#) [FR](#) [COE](#)

SUBJECT: INVITATION TO COMMITTEE FOR SOCIAL COHESION (CDCS)  
MEETING AND FORUM, COUNCIL OF EUROPE, NOVEMBER 15-18 2005,  
STRASBOURG

1. This is an action request, see para 5.

2. The U.S. is invited to send a representative to the 15th meeting of the European Committee for Social Cohesion (CDCS) on November 15-16 2005 and a forum entitled "Reconciling Labor Flexibility With Social Cohesion" on November 17-18 2005.

3. Draft agenda includes:

- Implementation of the decisions taken by the third summit of the Council of Europe (Warsaw, May 16-17 2005);

- Committee of Experts on children and families;

- Coordination of activities relating to children;

- Platform for political dialogue on socially responsible consumption and finance systems;

- Progress report on intergovernmental cooperation and bilateral and multilateral assistance activities;

- Cooperation with other Council of Europe bodies: the European Committee of Social Rights, the Council of Europe Development Bank and others;

- Activities of other international bodies relevant to social cohesion.

4. The program for the accompanying forum includes:

- Labor flexibility and social cohesion: a political challenge for Europe;

- Contribution of labor flexibility to social cohesion;

- New forms of labor flexibility: how labor law should evolve;

- Workshops on the effects of labor flexibility and considerations for reconciliation;

- Perspectives and proposals from international organizations.

5. Please contact [john.murray@coe.int](mailto:john.murray@coe.int) and ConGen Strasbourg concerning any planned attendance. The U.S. expert will have observer status; i.e., without the right to vote or defrayal of expenses from the Council of Europe.  
Hofmann